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Eastern." He arrived home in August, 1887, and a few weeks afterwards he was called by Pres. Brigham Young to go to Wasatch county to act as presiding Bishop. He was ordained and set apart to that office Dec. 2, 1887. Under his wise and practical management Wasatch county soon became a prosperous and desirable locality and Heber City especially grew to be a town of importance. When the settlements of the Saints in Provo valley, or Wasatch county, were organized into a Stake of Zion, in 1877, Abram Hatch was appointed its president, and in that capacity he served about a quarter of a century. His duties as president were necessarily various, active and continuous. "He took a leading part in all measures adopted for the development of the resources of the county, and utilized them for building up the Stake and promoting both the material, moral and spiritual welfare of the people, in improving Church property, superintending the erection of public edifices, building roads, bridges, irrigating canals, etc." He also established a ranch in Ashley valley, where settlements of the Saints, that have since grown into a Stake of Zion, were founded. Pres. Hatch has served several times in the Utah legislature, has acted as probate judge of Wasatch county and been elected to many other offices within the gifts of the people. (See also Tidridge's Histories, Vol. 2, Bio. p. 187.)

SMART, William Henry president of the Wasatch Stake of Zion, is the son of Thomas S. Smart and Ann Hayter, and was born April 6, 1864, at Franklin, Oneida county, Idaho. His father was one of the founders of Franklin, having moved from Provo to Idaho in 1860; and it was here that the days of William's boyhood and early youth were passed, and his early school training received. He was baptized in 1872, ordained a Teacher Sept. 23, 1877, and acted as second and later as first counselor to the president of his quorum. When seventeen years of age he entered the Brigham Young College at Logan, then in its infancy. Here he spent two years, and then entered the normal department of the University of Utah, from which he graduated in the spring of 1883. Returning to Logan, he was engaged as an instruc-

tor in the B. Y. College, entering upon his duties Sept. 1, 1883. While here he was, for part of the time, assistant treasurer of the college and was the first teacher of theology in this institution. Eight years of his life as a teacher were spent in the college and two as the principal of the schools of his native town. July 20, 1886, he, in company with his father, was set apart to visit their relatives in England, and to obtain genealogies. He was given



the genealogical labor by his father, and was remarkably successful in being permitted to examine, almost gratuitously, the records of some fourteen parishes, and of obtaining genealogies of many relatives, for whom, under his direction, vicarious work has since been done by the Smart family. Oct. 3, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Haines in the Logan Temple, and the following spring he was called on a mission to Europe. The fore part of this mission was spent in Turkey. Being poorly in health, he was transferred to the London conference, England. After laboring here, tracting and preaching under great physical difficulties for about two months, his president, Jos. W. McMurrin, ordered his release, and he arrived home late in the spring of 1889. Both before this mission and following it he performed various spiritual labors in the communities in which he lived, such as Ward teacher, worker in the mutual improvement cause, religion class teacher, Ward clerk, Sunday school

teacher, and home missionary, until April 11, 1898, when he was set apart as a missionary to the Eastern States. May 5, 1898, he was appointed by Pres. Alonzo P. Kesler as the first president of the newly organized Brooklyn conference which comprised Greater New York. He continued in this position until March 11, 1899, when he was called to succeed Pres. Alonzo P. Kesler as president of the Eastern States mission; from this position he was released to return home in the fall of 1900. Feb. 10, 1901, he was called to preside over the Wasatch Stake of Zion, being ordained at the same time a High Priest. This position he is holding at the present time.

MURDOCK, Joseph Royal, first counselor to Pres. Wm. H. Smart (president of the Wasatch Stake of Zion), is the son of Nymphas C. and Sarah M. Murdock, and was born Aug. 11, 1858, in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he remained until 1871, when he moved to Charleston, Wasatch county, where he has since resided. He completed the common school course, and also attended the B. Y. Academy at Provo in 1875-76. He was married to Margaret Wright, daughter of Wm. and Jemima Wright, Nov. 28, 1878. Their union has been blessed with ten children, all of whom are living. For three years he taught school in the district schools at



Charleston. In 1880-82 he filled a mission to the Northern States, laboring principally in the State of Michigan. His avocation in life has been farming, stock raising and merchandising. In 1887 he was chosen as second counselor to his father in the Bishopric of Charleston Ward, which position he

held until Feb. 3, 1901, when he was called to act as first counselor to Pres. Wm. H. Smart of the Wasatch Stake of Zion, which position he now holds. He served as a member of the constitutional convention and was Wasatch county's representative in the first two State legislatures. In November, 1900, he was elected senator from the Fifth Senatorial District.

JENSEN, James C., second counselor in the presidency of the Wasatch Stake of Zion, is the son of Soren Peter and Kirsten Marie Jensen, and was born at Glimsholt, Ugilt parish, Hjoerring



amt, Denmark, Sept. 9, 1863. His parents embraced the gospel in 1875, and he himself was baptized April 14, 1877, in which year the family emigrated with a company of Saints which arrived in Salt Lake City, July 14, 1877. His father, having, previous to coming to Utah, bought, from one of the missionaries, a home at Levan, Juab county, the family located there, and the children attended the district school the next winter. In 1881-82 James attended the Brigham Young Academy at Provo. Leaving school, he went to Milford, Utah, where for some time he was engaged by B. F. Grant in various clerical positions. Oct. 16, 1884, he married Miss Joannah E. Jennings, of Levan, by whom he has up to this time (1901) had four living children. In 1885 he became head book-keeper for the Co-operative Wagon and Machine Company, in Salt Lake City, which position he held until, 1888, when he resigned to enter into co-partnership with Hon. Charles C. Richards, Daniel and John Hamer of Ogden in the abstract business. He assisted in compiling a set

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PETERSON, Canute, president of the South Sanpete Stake of Zion, was born May 13, 1824, in Eidsfjord, Haranger, Norway. He emigrated with his parents to America in 1837 and settled in La Salle county, Ill., where he received the gospel and was baptized Aug. 12, 1842. While on a visit to Nauvoo, in 1844, he was ordained a Seventy and called into the active ministry. His first mission was to Wisconsin in 1844-45, with Elder Gudmund Haugaa as a missionary companion.